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# DOCTOR STRANGE

THIS ISSUE TAKES PLACE BETWEEN  
*BLOOD HUNT #4 AND #5.*  
PREVIOUSLY...

As Sorcerer Supreme, Stephen Strange acts as Earth's mystic defender and consultant to its heroes in all things magic. So, when former ally Blade unleashed a vampire invasion, it was essential for him to remove Stephen from the board by transforming him into a ravenous vampire.

Luckily, Clea was able to separate Stephen's astral form from his vampirized body, but that left it empty for the ghost of his brother, the vampire Victor Strange, to take over. Now Victor stalks Wong through the Sanctum Sanctorum.

But hope remains! Trapped in the Crypt of Shadows, Bats, the Sanctum's snakes and longtime nemesis Baron Mordo have developed a plan to escape and rescue Wong!

## "BLOOD HUNT PT. 3"

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**THE CRYPT OF SHADOWS.**  
A SPACE HIDDEN BEHIND  
THE MIRRORS OF THE  
SANCTUM SANCTORUM.



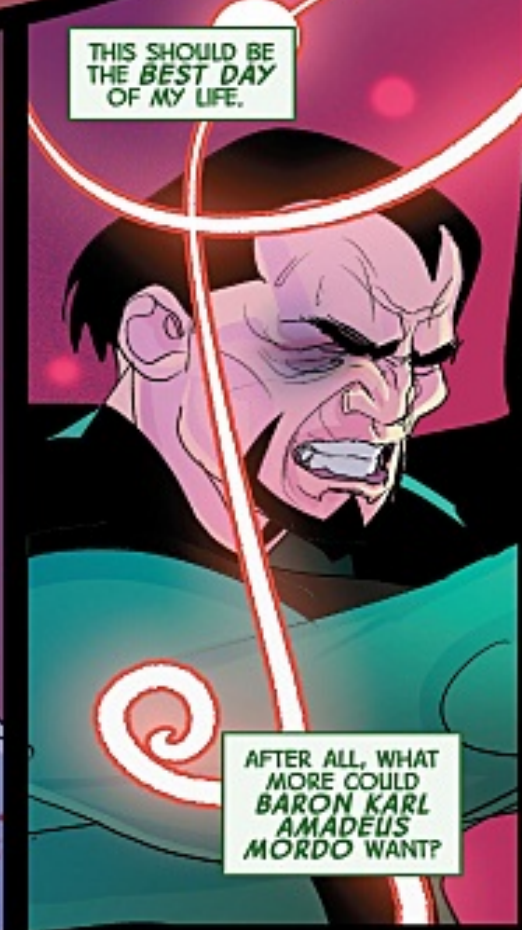
HOW UTTERLY  
GALLING.



THE LICKSPITTLE  
WONG, RUNNING  
FOR HIS LIFE.



THE HATED *STRANGE*, DEBASED,  
CORRUPTED, ABOUT TO MURDER  
HIS OLDEST AND GREATEST FRIEND.



THIS SHOULD BE  
THE *BEST* DAY  
OF MY LIFE.

AFTER ALL, WHAT  
MORE COULD  
BARON KARL  
AMADEUS  
MORDO WANT?



OF COURSE, IF THE GHOST  
INHABITING STRANGE'S  
VAMPIRE BODY KILLS WONG,  
I WILL REMAIN EXILED HERE, IN  
THE *CRYPT OF SHADOWS*.

MORDO!  
HEY,  
MORDO!

WHICH WOULD  
BE MADE  
**UNBEARABLE...**

MORDO!

IS THE  
SPELL WORKING,  
MORDO?

YEAH, IS IT  
WORKING?

...BY BEING  
EXILED HERE  
WITH **IDIOTS**.

MAYBE HE  
WENT **DEAF**?  
HE'S SO OLD!

HOW  
OLD IS  
HE?

MORDO'S  
SO OLD, HE  
REMEMBERS WHEN  
GALACTUS WAS THE  
NEW KID IN  
TOWN!

HEE HEE  
HEE! MORDO'S  
SO OLD THAT HIS  
NAME IS SHORT FOR  
"MORDOSAURUS"!

HAHAHA!

WAIT,  
WHAT?

HAHA!  
MORDO'S  
SO OLD, HE STILL  
CALLS IT THE **TIMELY  
UNIVERSE**!

WILL YOU  
TWO SHUT  
UP?

EEPI

AS I WAS  
SAYING.



I *SHOULD* BE PLEASED  
BY THE UNFOLDING EVENTS.  
STRANGE KILLING WONG,  
OR WONG KILLING STRANGE.

DELIGHTFUL.

DELIGHTFUL, BUT  
*INCORRECT.*

FOR AT THE END OF  
ALL THINGS, IT WILL  
BE MORDO WHO  
KILLS STRANGE.

NONE  
OTHER.

BEGIN THE  
INCANTATION,  
BATS.



INCANTATION?

MORDO,  
I DON'T KNOW  
*MAGIC*--

REPEAT WHAT  
YOU TOLD ME,  
BUFFOON. YOU  
CONVINCE *ME*, NOW  
CONVINCE THE  
*UNIVERSE.*

AN INCANTATION  
IS JUST A *STORY*. A  
STORY THAT *CONVINCES*  
THE FORCES OF THIS WORLD  
AND BEYOND THAT WHAT  
YOU *WISH* TO BE  
REAL, *IS.*







OKAY.

SO THE  
DOC TOLD ME  
A STORY ONE  
TIME.

ABOUT HOW  
WAY, WAY BACK,  
HUMANS WERE  
AFRAID OF THE  
DARK.

THEY HAD  
THEIR *FIRE*. IT  
KEPT THEM WARM,  
GAVE THEM  
LIGHT.

BUT  
OUTSIDE OF THEIR  
FIRELIGHT...



...THERE  
WERE THE  
*TIGERS*.

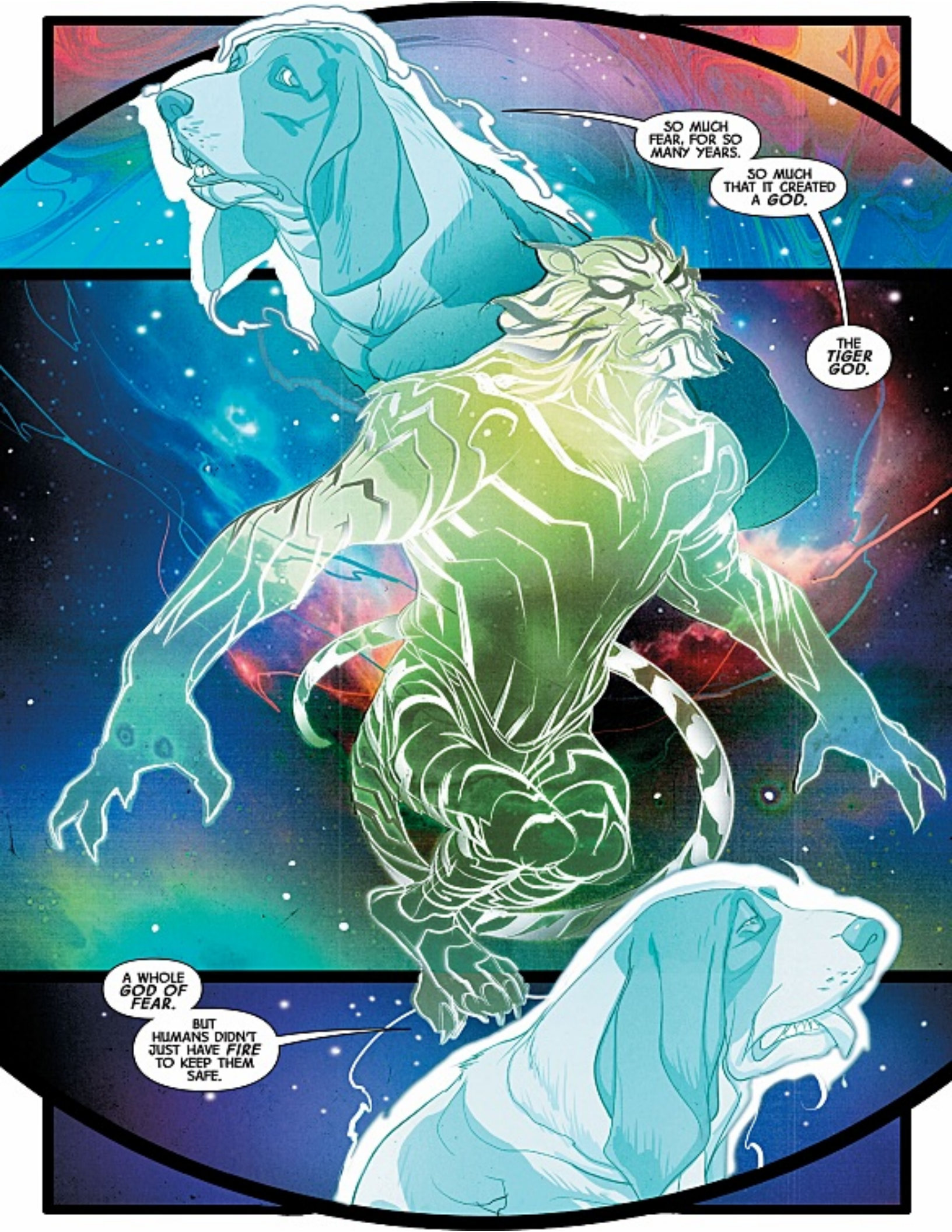
THAT  
WAS *NIGHT*  
FOR THEM.

WHEN THE  
THINGS THAT  
LIVED IN THAT  
NIGHT WOULD  
EAT THEM.

IT WAS  
A TIME OF  
*FEAR*.







SO MUCH  
FEAR, FOR SO  
MANY YEARS.

SO MUCH  
THAT IT CREATED  
A GOD.

THE  
TIGER  
GOD.

A WHOLE  
GOD OF  
FEAR.

BUT  
HUMANS DIDN'T  
JUST HAVE FIRE  
TO KEEP THEM  
SAFE.





THEY  
ALSO HAD  
US.

DOGS.



WE LIVED  
WITH THEM. HUNTED  
WITH THEM.

KEPT THEM  
SAFE.



HUMANS WERE  
SCARED OF THE THINGS  
IN THE DARK THAT WOULD  
EAT THEM. SO SCARED THAT  
THEIR FEAR MADE A GOD  
OF THEM.

BUT WHAT  
ABOUT THE THINGS  
THAT PROTECTED THEM?  
THE THINGS THAT THEY  
LOVED—THAT LOVED  
THEM?



WAS  
THEIR LOVE  
STRONGER  
THAN THEIR  
FEAR?

IF  
THEY MADE  
A TIGER  
GOD...

...DID THEY  
MAKE ONE FOR  
US?



YES.







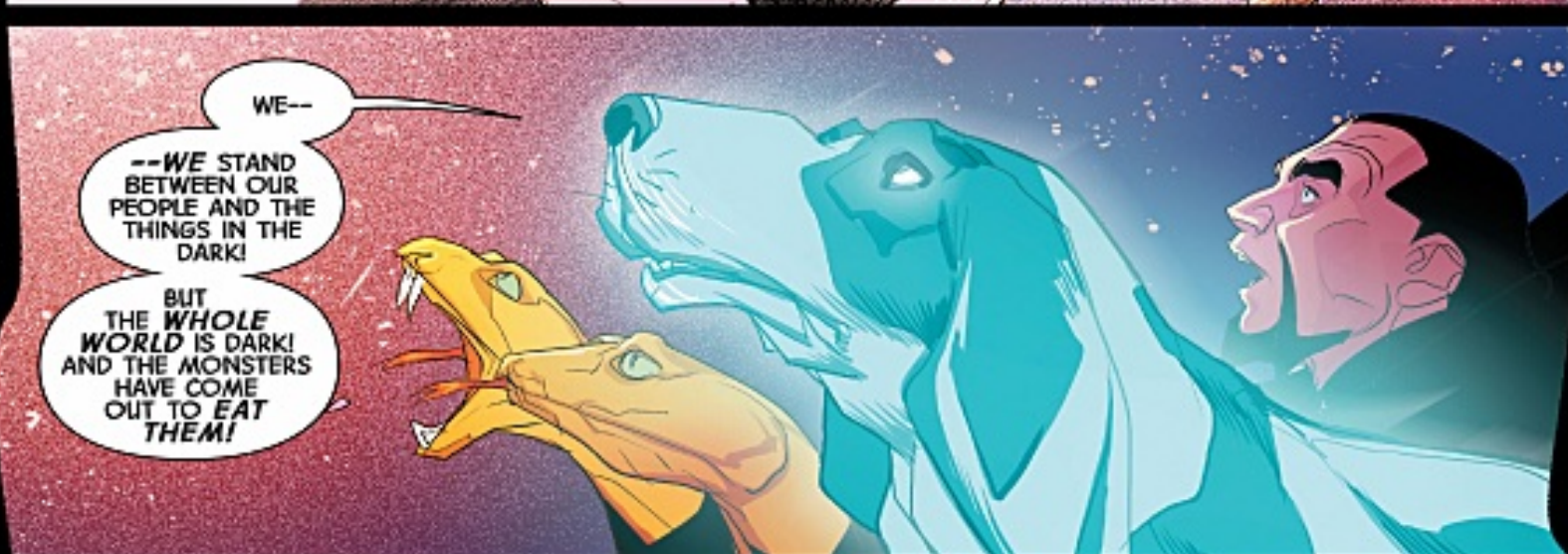
OH MY  
GOD.



I  
AM.

WHY DO YOU  
CALL ME, LITTLE  
BROTHER?

WHY DO  
YOU CALL  
THE GOD OF  
DOGS?



WE--

--WE STAND  
BETWEEN OUR  
PEOPLE AND THE  
THINGS IN THE  
DARK!

BUT  
THE **WHOLE**  
WORLD IS DARK!  
AND THE MONSTERS  
HAVE COME  
OUT TO EAT  
THEM!



WHAT DO  
YOU ASK OF  
ME, LITTLE  
BROTHER?






"MY MASTER  
IS IN DANGER."



AND I  
CAN'T HELP  
HIM.



"I CAN'T HELP ANY  
OF MY PEOPLE, NOT LIKE  
THIS. NOT IN HERE."



YOU,  
BATS...

...ARE  
A GOOD  
BOY.



"AND YOU WILL  
BE MY AVATAR."

I BELIEVE THIS  
HUNT HAS RUN  
ITS COURSE, HAS  
IT NOT?

DAMN YOU...  
VICTOR...

OH, WONG,  
I AM DAMNED  
ALREADY.

KRKRKRKR

AND  
NOW YOU WILL  
JOIN ME IN  
DAMNATION.

KRKRKRKR









GET  
OUT OF MY  
MASTER.

THE FAITHFUL  
HOUND. NOW SO  
MUCH *MORE*.

BUT YOU  
CANNOT HARM  
*ME*. I AM MORE  
THAN A PERSON,  
I AM A STORY.





SURE,  
YOU KEEP  
SAYING.

BUT I'VE  
GOT THE  
DOG GOD  
ON MY  
SIDE.



AND THE  
DOC ALWAYS  
SAID THAT  
GODS ARE THE  
STRONGEST  
STORIES OF  
ALL!







"THIS IS THE  
DOMAIN OF *GODS*  
AND *MONSTERS!*"

WILL YOU  
KILL ME, BATS? KILL  
THIS *BODY*?

EVEN WITH  
THE *VAMPIRE TAIN*  
UPON IT, IT *MUST* STILL  
SMELL OF YOUR  
MASTER!

RRRRRR!!!

WHEN STEPHEN'S  
SPIRIT *RETURNS*, WILL  
YOU SHOW HIM HIS BODY,  
TORN AND CHEWED BY  
YOUR OWN  
JAWS?

YOU  
DON'T GET  
IT, DO YOU, YOU  
STUPID JERK?

I'M  
DEAD! I'M A  
GHOST!

JUST LIKE  
YOU!



ALL I NEED  
TO BITE IS YOUR  
GHOST.

YEAARRGH!!











NOOOOO...

BATS.  
YOU  
HAVE MADE ME  
PROUD.



...GOD?

BUT NOW I  
MUST LEAVE  
YOU.

BUT WHY?  
WE COULD  
SAVE MORE  
PEOPLE--

EVEN YOUR  
BRAVE HEART  
COULD NOT CHANNEL  
MY POWER FOR MUCH  
LONGER, BATS. NOT  
WITHOUT BURNING  
YOURSELF FROM  
EXISTENCE.

YOUR  
PEOPLE WILL  
NEED YOUR  
BRAVERY IN THE  
DAYS TO  
COME.



GOODBYE.

WOWOW!

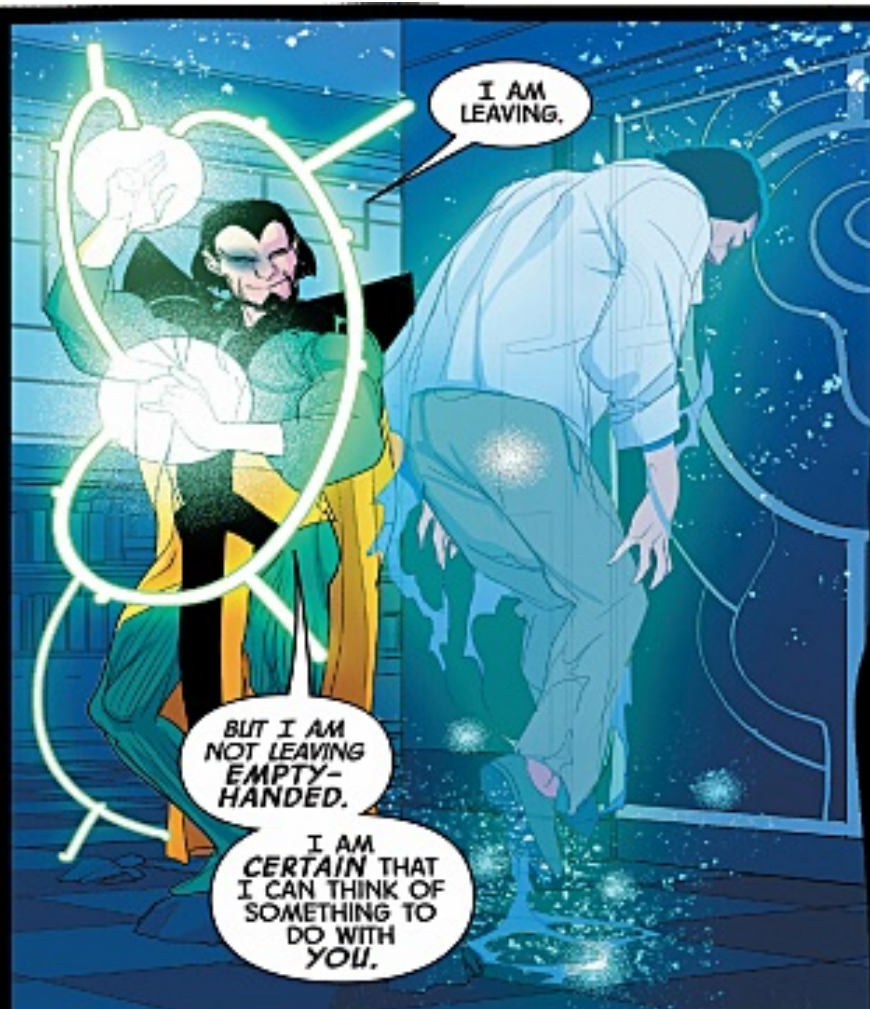




WELL.

SUCH  
DRAMA.

WHEN  
STRANGE RETURNS,  
DO TELL HIM THAT  
HE OWES ME  
NOW.



I AM  
LEAVING.

BUT I AM  
NOT LEAVING  
EMPTY-  
HANDED.

I AM  
CERTAIN THAT  
I CAN THINK OF  
SOMETHING TO  
DO WITH  
YOU.



I  
THINK NOT,  
MORDO.



OH?

DO YOU  
THINK YOU CAN  
STOP ME, WONG?  
IN THE CONDITION  
THAT YOU ARE  
IN?



ATTEND  
TO YOUR  
FRIEND,  
WONG.

BRING HIM  
BACK TO THE  
VERY PICTURE  
OF HEALTH.





WHEN I  
EVENTUALLY KILL  
HIM, I WOULD LIKE  
HIM TO LOOK WELL  
IN HIS CASKET.

**TO BE CONCLUDED  
IN *BLOOD HUNT #5!*  
AND THEN NEXT MONTH,  
SEE THE AFTERMATH IN  
*DOCTOR STRANGE #18!***



# BLOOD HUNT

## CHECKLIST

### JUNE

- **BLOOD HUNT** #3
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND** #3
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- VENOM #34
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- AVENGERS #15
- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- **BLOOD HUNT** #4
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND** #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

### JULY

- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – PSYLOCKE #1
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- AVENGERS #16
- HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- **BLOOD HUNT** #5
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND** #5
- FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4



NEXT:

# DOCTOR STRANGE #18



The BLOOD HUNT is over, but Doctor Strange's world has changed. What comes next for the master of the mystic arts? Is it really time to say goodbye?

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